

Follow your Soldier (as before) hence you
 And at the bankes of Anly meete us with
 The forces you can raise, where we shall finde
 The moytie of a number, for a busines,
 More bigger look't; since that our Theame is haste
 I stamp this kisse upon thy currant lippe,
 Sweete keepe it as my Token; Set you forward
 For I will see you gone. *Exeunt towards the Temple.*
 Farewell my beauteous Sister: *Pirithous*
 Keepe the feast full, bate not an howre on't.

Pirithous. Sir

Ile follow you at heeles; The Feasts solempnity
 Shall want till your returne.

Thes. Cosen I charge you

Boudge not from Athens; We shall be returning
 Ere you can end this Feast; of which I pray you
 Make no abatement; once more farewell all.

1. *Qu.* Thus do'st thou still make good the tongue o'th

2. *Qu.* And earnest a Deity equal with Mars, (world,

3. *Qu.* If not above him, for

Thou being but mortall make'st affections bend
 To Godlike honours; they themselves some say
 Grone under such a Mastery.

Thes. As we are men

Thus should we doe, being sensually subdude
 We loose our humane tytle; good cheere Ladies. *Floris.*
 Now turne we towards your Comforts. *Exeunt.*

Scena 2. Enter Palamon, and Arcite.

Arcite. Deere *Palamon*, deerer in love then Blood
 And our prime Cosen, yet unhardned in
 The Crimes of nature; Let us leave the City
 Thebes, and the temptings in't, before we further
 Sully our glosse of youth,
 And here to keepe in abstinence we shame
 As in Incontinence; for not to swim
 I'th aide o'th Current, were almost to sincke.

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At least to frustrate striving, and to follow
 The common Streame, twold bring us to an Edy
 Where we should turne or drowne; if labour throu
 Our gaine but life, and weakenes.

Pal. Your advice

Is cride up with example: what strange ruins
 Since first we went to Schoole, may we perceive
 Walking in Thebs? Skars, and bare weedes
 The gaine o'th Martialist, who did propound
 To his bold ends, honour, and golden Ingots,
 Which though he won, he had not, and now flurte
 By peace for whom he fought, who then shall offe
 To *Mars* so scornd *Altar*? I doe bleede
 When such I meete, and with great *Inno* would
 Resume her ancient fit of *felonzie*
 To get the Soldier worke, that peace might purge
 For her repletion, and retaine anew
 Her charitable heart now hard, and harsher
 Then strife, or war could be.

Arcite. Are you not out?

Meete you no ruine, but the Soldier in
 The Cranckes, and turnes of Thebs? you did begin
 As if you met decays of many kindes:
 Perceive you none, that doe arouse your pitty
 But th'un-considerd Soldier?

Pal. Yes, I pitty

Decays where ere I finde them, but such most
 That sweating in an honourable Toyle
 Are paid with yce to coole 'em.

Arcite. Tis not this

I did begin to speake of: This is vertue
 Of no respect in Thebs. I spake of Thebs
 How dangerous if we wil keepe our Honours,
 It is for our resyding, where every evill
 Hath a good cullor; where eve'ry seeming good's
 A certaine evill, where not to be ev'ry lumps,
 As they are, here were to be strangers, and
 Such things to be meere Monsters.

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